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In re Application of

Livak et al.

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For: **HYBRIDIZATION ASSAY USING
SELF-QUENCHING FLUORESCENCE
PROBE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the CPA filed May 24, 2000, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 1, line 5, change "Maramaro" to --Marmaro--.

On page 1, line 17, delete the sentence that was inserted by the Preliminary Amendment submitted November 8, 1999, and substitute therefor:

--This application is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/207,170 filed December 7, 1998, now Patent No. 6,030,787, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/558,303 filed November 15, 1995, now Patent No. 5,876,930, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/340,558 filed November 16, 1994, now Patent No. 5,538,848, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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